

### **REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the present outstanding objections and rejections is respectfully requested in light of the amended claims and the following remarks. Claims 5-10, 13, 14, 17-19, 23, 24, 30, 31, 34, 35, 38-40, 44, and 45 are currently pending.

#### **I. Allowed Subject Matter**

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication on pages 6 and 7 of the Office Action that claims 5-10, 13, 14, 17-19, 23, 24, 44, and 45 are allowed.

#### **II. Allowable Subject Matter**

Likewise, Applicant notes with equal appreciation the indication on page 7 of the Office Action that claims 30, 31, 34, 35, and 38-40 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 30, 34, and 38 have been amended in this manner. Particularly, claims 30 and 38 have been amended to include the subject matter of their base claim, claim 27. Claim 34 has been amended to include the subject matter of intervening claim 32 and its base claim, claim 27. Accordingly, claims 30, 34, and 38, and all claims dependent therefrom, i.e., claims 31, 35, 39, and 40, should now be allowable. Acknowledgment of same is respectfully requested.

#### **III. Amendments to Claims 23 and 31**

Claims 23 and 31 have been amended to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been introduced by way of these amendments.

#### **IV. The Rejection of Claims 1-4, 11, 12, 15, 16, 20-22, 25-29, 32, 33, 36, 37, 41-43, and 46-54 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)**

Claims 1-4, 11, 12, 15, 16, 20-22, 25-29, 32, 33, 36, 37, 41-43, and 46-54 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,584,569 to Reshef *et al.* ("Reshef"). See Office Action at page 2. While Applicant respectfully disagrees with the assertions of the Examiner, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-4, 11, 12, 15, 16, 20-22, 25-29, 32, 33, 36, 37, 41-43, and 46-54 of the present application, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

#### **V. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed

telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any issues and to expedite passage of the present application to issue, if any comments, questions, or suggestions arise in connection with the present application.

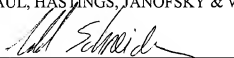
While this Response is believed to be timely, in the event that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office requires any additional fee to enter and/or consider this Response, or to prevent abandonment of the present application, please charge such fee to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-2613 (Order No. 58525.00004.UTL.P1068).

Respectfully submitted,

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